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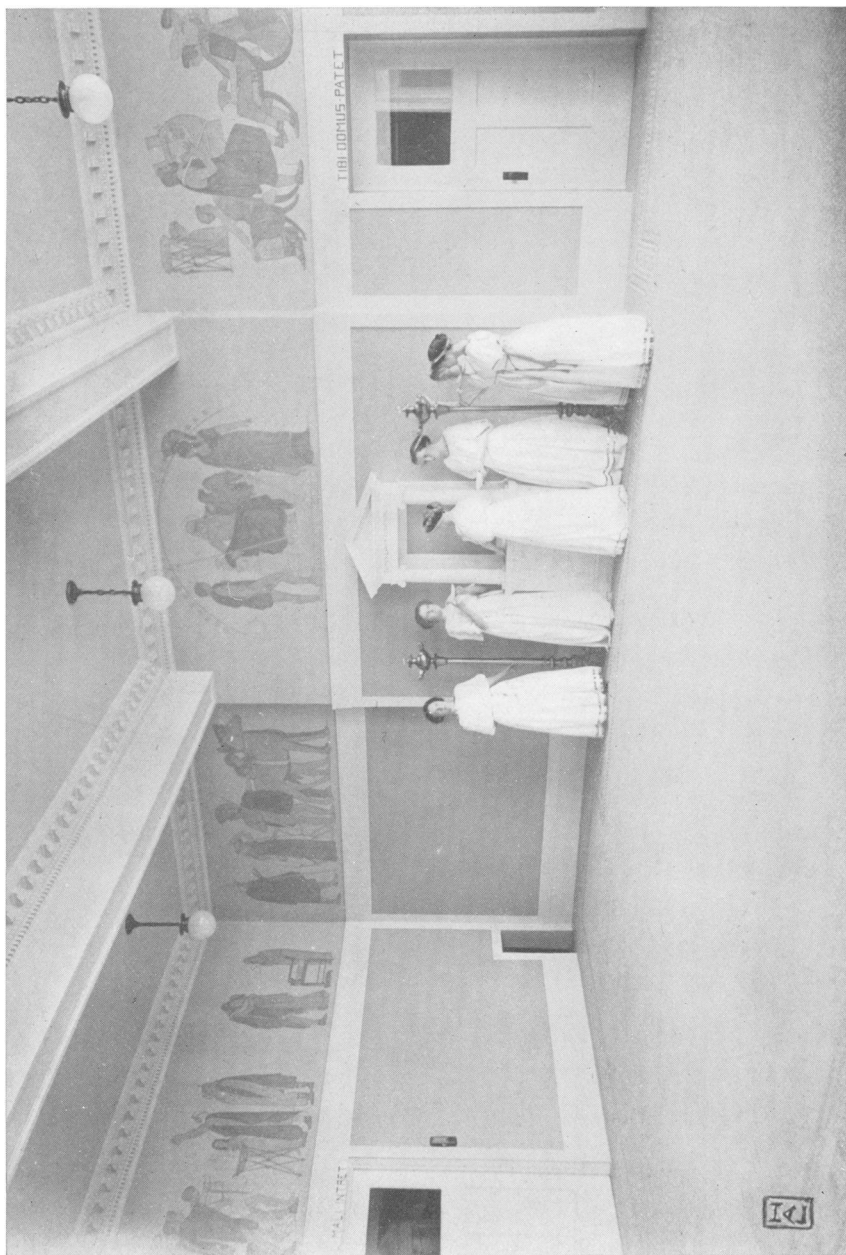
## Editorial

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### THE "CLASSICAL JOURNAL" AND "CLASSICAL PHILOLOGY"

The arrangement by which the two journals are sent to all members of the Association has seemed to many a wise division of labor. Each editor is entirely free to publish what seems best to him. But in practice there is a natural tendency to confine articles of a purely technical character to *Classical Philology*, while the *Classical Journal* devotes itself rather to authors commonly taught in secondary school and college, to questions of pedagogy, and matters of broader interest. The result is that every member of the Association receives for the two dollars membership fee nearly five dollars' worth of journals that keep him informed not only about the teaching of classics in the United States, but about the progress and tendencies of classical scholarship throughout the world.

It goes without saying that everybody is not equally interested in all this. There are some specialists who sneer at the pedagogical and popular articles of the *Classical Journal* and wish to make that too a journal of research in whole or in part. There are other would-be "literary" college professors who practice the easy rhetorical trick of making game of the driest articles in *Classical Philology*, and encourage the extremists among the secondary teachers to declare that the journal of research not only does them no good, but that the very sight of it is an irritation. But the majority, we believe, on reflection come to the conclusion that it is a good thing for classical scholarship in America and an honor to the Classical Association of the Middle West and South that all its members should constantly be kept in touch with the entire range of classical interests by two such adequate and dignified journals.



CLASSICAL ROOM IN THE OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

But what about the cost? There have been some misunderstandings on this point. *Classical Philology*, the subscription price of which is \$2.50, and would at normal prices be \$3, is delivered to all members of the Association at less than the bare cost, which is about 38 cents a year. By the cost, we do not mean the quota part of the total cost of printing and publishing, but the mere cost of striking off and mailing the extra numbers. *Classical Philology*, as a matter of fact, incurs a slight loss with every increase in the numbers of the Association. The publishers and editors of *Classical Philology*, then, are interested in the combination solely in their capacity of classical scholars who believe that the arrangement is a good thing for American and western scholarship.

From the point of view of the Association, the question is not whether the four numbers of *Classical Philology* are worth \$2.50 to every member, but whether on the average, and also to the cause as a whole, they are worth something between 35 and 40 cents. That small sum might undoubtedly be used for the enlargement of the *Classical Journal*. A few additional scholastic articles would swallow it up at once. And if the Association no longer received *Classical Philology*, it is evident that those who even now ask for more special articles in the *Journal* would be still more insistent. If they should prevail, they would still get far less space than *Classical Philology* now offers them, both for the publication of their own papers, and for the study of the work of others. And those to whom all research is anathema would not even have the satisfaction of committing the journal that contained technical papers to the wastebasket.

Jesting aside, if a separation of the two journals should be thought wise, we cannot believe that it would be carried out for the reasons and in the spirit suggested. The attempt to draw a rigid line of demarkation between the interests of secondary and collegiate teachers is a far more serious matter than any question of arrangement or machinery can be. No collegiate teacher is interested in all lines of research or habitually reads every article in *Classical Philology*, or in any other technical journal. But there is a vast difference between the scholarship of a country whose teachers regularly see such a journal and that of one whose teachers do not. There is no reason why many of our secondary teachers should not gradually come to take

an increasing interest in pure scholarship, as their colleagues in Germany do. No one at present demands this interest of them all, or expects that it should go very far. But that they should assume an attitude of studied indifference or deliberate hostility to investigations, and shut themselves up in caste-like isolation in their classrooms would be a great misfortune both for themselves and for our vigorous young school of American classical scholarship. For America to take its place and hold its own in the generous rivalries of international philology will in the end strengthen the position of the classics and add to the dignity of the classical teacher in the remotest county. Meanwhile, the excellent work now being done by the younger generation of scholars, many of whom either are, or a few years ago were, secondary teachers, ought to awaken genuine sympathy and pride in us all. The fact that we do not read, but only glance at, many, perhaps most, of such papers, is of no moment. There are many articles in *Classical Philology* in which the editors personally feel not the slightest interest, and read only for errors in the proof. But this does not in any degree shake their conviction that a country which publishes and supports two or three such journals is a vastly better place for classical teachers of every grade than one which does not.

There are doubtless some classical teachers who take their work merely as the trade by which they earn their bread and butter. There are others who do not expect to remain teachers long, and who are incurably frivolous-minded. But the thoughtful majority will, we believe, take a larger view of their profession and of the great tradition of which they are the American representatives. And such, if they will give it a fair trial, will find that there are few numbers even of a dry-as-dust journal of research which do not contain, besides many book reviews, at least one article which they can read with profit, at first, and as the habit grows, with pleasure. That they and the cause of classical scholarship in America will be the better for the habit is beyond question.

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THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDDLE WEST AND SOUTH

The sixth annual meeting will be held this year at Chicago, with the University of Chicago as host. The date, as now decided by the